

Acton-Boxborough Special Education Parent Advisory Council

(AB SpEd PAC)

Business Meeting Wednesday, May 27th, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. in the RJ Grey Junior High library

Agenda

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes

Review and approval of April 22, 2015, meeting minutes

III. Organization/Business Issues

- A. Update on Special Education Director Appointment
- B. Federation for Children with Special Needs Advancing Parent Professional Leadership in Education (APPLE) Institute Follow Up
- C. 2015 Parent/Guardian Survey Update
- D. Department of Elementary & Secondary Education Parent Involvement Survey
- E. Dr. Jeff Bostic Presentation on Mental Health June 2nd in RJ Grey Auditorium at 7 p.m.
- F. Parenting Challenging Children Meeting June 9th at Concord's Fowler Branch Library at 10:30 a.m.
- G. Updates on Other Goals & Priorities for 2014-2015
- H. Possible Goals & Priorities for 2015-2016 School Year
- I. Annual Meeting & Election of Officers June 10th in RJ Grey Library at 7:30 p.m.

IV. New Business – Other topics on people's minds

V. Open Issues

- A. MCAS 4th and 7th grade ELA performance for students with disabilities is weak
- B. Futures Education findings re: student to assistant ratios high by peer standards
- C. Concerns about the process for combining outside specialists' recommendations with district evaluations/recommendations and appropriately incorporating those recommendations into the IEP
- D. Mandatory special education training/professional development for regular and special education staff hiring dual-certified staff
- E. Enhanced summer school and after school/extracurricular programming
- F. Increased use of technology in IEP development/revision process
- G. Changes to School Committee procedures regarding the PAC

VI. Adjournment

All AB SpEd PAC meetings are open to the public. We encourage parents of children with special needs and others interested in special education to attend. Please check our website (www.abspedpac.org) for information regarding upcoming events.

VII. Next Meeting

Wednesday, June 10th, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. in the RJ Grey Junior High library

Please note this meeting will be followed by a brief Friends of AB SpEd PAC meeting.